

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 6-10 and 18-20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 2-5 and 11-17 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 18-20 are new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of JP 59-195413 and GB 2121879. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

In the present invention, as defined by amended Claim 1, a cooling unit and a heating unit are arranged so as to encircle a blower. Accordingly, in an air conditioner using the blower in which the direction of airflow is changed in accordance with the movement of a casing, both of the cooling unit and the heating unit can be opposed to an air discharging opening of the blower. Thus, the air discharged from the blower can be efficiently introduced to both of the cooling unit and the heating unit, and the temperature can be efficiently adjusted. Further, the above-described arrangement can reduce the size of an air conditioner in comparison with an air conditioner in which the cooling unit and the heating unit are arranged in a line.

However, JP 59-195413 and GB 2121879 do not disclose, teach or suggest a structure represented by the description "a cooling unit and a heating unit are arranged in such a manner as to encircle a blower."

JP 2001-315526 submitted in an IDS discloses a structure in which a plurality of cooling heat exchangers are arranged along an outer circumferential surface of a centrifugal fan, but does not disclose or suggest a structure represented by the description "a cooling unit and a heating unit are arranged so as to encircle a blower". Accordingly, even if the structure disclosed in JP 2001-315526 is combined with the structure disclosed in GB 3121879, an effect in which the air discharged from the blower can be efficiently introduced to both of the cooling unit and the heating unit and the temperature can be efficiently adjusted cannot be obtained.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 1, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 6, 7 and 9, which ultimately depend from Claim 1, are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

#### **CLAIM 10**

Applicants noted that Claim 10 was indicated as being rejected on the Office Action Summary but in the body of the Office action there was not any art cited against Claim 10. Thus, Applicants request that the next Office Action, if not a Notice of Allowance, be a non-final rejection which either indicates Claim 10 as being allowable or citing prior art against the patentability of Claim 10.

#### **NEW CLAIMS**

New Claims 18-20 are dependent claims which Applicants believe read on the elected invention and which read on the elected species of the invention. Claim 18 defines

the partition plate and both the specification and drawings have been amended to define the partition plate. Applicants believe the partition plate was disclosed in the original application and no new matter has been added. The amendments to the specification and drawings were made to specifically identify the disclosed partition plate.

New Claim 19 defines the V shape of the units as described on page 9, lines 18-20. New Claim 20 defines the common air mixing chamber as described on page 10, lines 9-11.

#### **REJOINDER**

Applicants respectfully request the rejoinder of withdrawn Claim 8.

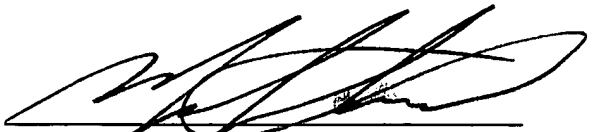
#### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached "Replacement Sheets" of drawings include changes to Figures 1, 3-6, 8 and 9. The attached "Replacement Sheets," which include Figures 1-12, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-12.

Please amend Figures 1, 3-6, 8 and 9 by adding reference numeral 21 along with its leader line.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets